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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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SUBJECT: CODEL VISIT OF REP. DIGGS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. REP. DIGGS TELEPHONED DEPT OFFICER DEC. 9 TO DISCUSS HIS PROPOSED SOUTHERN AFRICAN ITINERARY. HE INDICATED PLAN TO VISIT NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK FOLLOWING AAI-SPONSORED MEETING (JAN. 21-24) IN KINSHASA. IN NAMIBIA, REP. DIGGS WISHES VISIT WINDHOEK, TSUMEB, AND A HOMELAND. IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE PROPOSED VISIT JOHANNESBURG, SOWETO, AN AMERICAN-OWNED FIRM (PREFERABLY GM AGAIN), A HOMELAND, AND, TIME PERMITTING, CAPE TOWN AND DURBAN. HIS MAIN INTEREST IS IN VISITING NAMIBIA AND HE WOULD NOT BE WILLING ACCEPT VISA ONLY FOR VISIT TO REPUBLIC.

2. REP. DIGGS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. LESLIE YATES, CONSULTANT TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA. IF HE RECEIVES FAVORABLE RESPONSE ON AVAILABILITY OF VISA FROM SAG, HE INTENDS TO CIRCULARIZE TO GROUP OF 20-30 OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTENDING KINSHASA MEETING, INVITING THEM TO JOIN HIM. MRS. YATES SAYS THAT REP. DIGGS EXPECTS THAT A LEAST ONE AND POSSIBLY MORE WILL BE INTERESTED IN TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA WITH HIM. UNQUOTE

3. BECAUSE CONGRESS EXPECTED TO ADJOURN LATTER PART OF WEEK OF DEC. 15-21 AND THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR REP. DIGGS TO CONSULT WITH OTHER MEMBERS WHO MAY WISH TO JOIN HIM IN VISITING SA AND NAMIBIA, HE IS ASKING FOR DEFINITIVE REPLY FROM SAG ON VISA BY DECEMBER 16.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION CONVEYED BY LETTER TO SA EMBASSY DEC. 9. FOLLOWING DAY, SA MINISTER LOUW TELEPHONED TO SAY HE HAD MESSAGE FROM PRETORIA INSTRUCTING HIM TO APPROACH DEPARTMENT WITH REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT SUGGEST TO REP. DIGGS THAT HE "WITHDRAW" HIS VISA APPLICATION. LOUW ALSO SAID DFA UNDER SECRETARY VAN DALSEN HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER IN PRETORIA WITH ECON COUNSELOR PRATT.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY PRETORIA REPORT VAN DALSEN-PRATT CONVERSATION BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM SO THAT WE MAY GO BACK TO SA EMBASSY AND OBTAIN DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FROM SAG BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECEMBER 16.

6. FYI: REP. DIGGS TELEPHONED AGAIN DEC. 11 TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING VISA TO VISIT RHODESIA RPT. RHODESIA. NO REPLY YET MADE TO THIS REQUEST. END
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